



# Press Release

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## **Conyers Praises Major League Baseball on Reaching Steroid Agreement**

WASHINGTON, DC – Congressman John Conyers, Jr. issued the following statement today regarding Major League Baseball's agreement on steroid use:

"I want to congratulate Major League Baseball and the players union in reaching this historic agreement on steroid use. This is a home run for the game, the players and most of all, our kids.

"This agreement offers meaningful enforcement by adopting across-the-board enhancements in the penalties associated with the unlawful use of performance-enhancing substances. In addition, for the first time in history, it subjects players who test positive on more than two occasions to a lifetime ban.

Reducing the irresponsible use of steroids in Major League Baseball is not only about protecting professional athletes from themselves, it's also about protecting kids. Experts widely agree that the adoption of strong testing standards in professional sports, along with meaningful enforcement, can lead to a noticeable reduction in the use of such substances by children as well."